

*March 15, 2007***REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10-12, 16-22 and 28-33 were pending in this application. An office action mailed February 15, 2007 rejected claims 6, 10-12, 16, 19, 20, 22, and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter and indicated that claims 1, 2, 5, 17, 18, 21, 28 and 29 were allowable. Claims 28 and 29 have been amended and claims 6-16, 19, 20, 22-27, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 5, 17, 18, 21, 28 and 29 remain pending in this application.

Claim Amendments

Claims 28 and 29 have been amended for consistency with claim 5, from which they depend. Specifically, those claims have been amended to recite a method, rather than a system.

Claims 6, 10-12, 16, 19, 20, 22, and 30-33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuing application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 6, 10-12, 16, 19, 20, 22, and 30-33 stand rejected under § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The applicants respectfully disagree with the Office's rejections under § 101. In the interest of expeditious prosecution, however, these claims have been canceled in order to allow the remaining claims to proceed to allowance.

Allowed Claims

The office action has indicated that claims 1, 2, 5, 17, 18, 21, 28 and 29 are allowable. The applicants appreciate this indication of allowability. As all other claims have been canceled, the applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

As noted above, the applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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